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1. The East German Railroad General Directorate (GD Reichsbahn) fulfilled only 92.8 percent of its scrap metal collection quota for the first quarter of 1952 and only 78 percent of the second quarter quota. The directorate was behind in its commitments for 1952 by over 23,000 tons. So far, the directorate had refused to load scrap on Sundays; in view of the seriousness of the scrap situation in East Germany, this position was considered untenable. The directorate's attention was also called to the fact that for years it had held reserve material in excess of plan requirements, which, so far, have not been scrapped.
2. The scrap metal situation in the "See-Sektor" of the East German Navigation General Directorate (GD Schifffahrt) was considered still more catastrophic. The directorate fulfilled only 49.8 percent of its scrap collection quota for the first quarter of 1952 and only 38 percent of the second quarter quota. Although its salvaging facilities are being fully exploited, the directorate must by all means make it its business to find still unexploited salvaging possibilities and extend every help to the scrap-collecting agencies.

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